



# Fact Sheet



Thursday, July 10, 2008  
7:00 AM

## MENDOCINO LIGHTNING COMPLEX

**Media Only Fire Information Number:** 707-467-2520

**Public Fire Information Number:** 707-467-6426

The Mendocino Lightning Complex has consumed 52,100 acres and is 65% contained. There are 36 active and 91 contained fires. Continued threats remain a possibility to communities and critical infrastructure. Active burning is still present on several fires. Last evening's planned firing operations on the Sugarloaf fire were successful. Additional firing operations may be scheduled in that area. A "Red Flag Warning" has been extended through Friday evening at 10 p.m. for hot dry weather leading to extreme fire behavior conditions. Additional evacuation "Warnings" and/ or "Orders" may be issued. Planned firing operations have been successful and will continue to occur as needed to reduce the fuel between the fire and control lines. Residents are reminded that they may see increased fire and smoke in the areas of planned firing operations.

### Air Operations

GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping operations are being conducted throughout Mendocino County. Residents may see low flying rotary aircraft for the purposes of mapping fire perimeters.

Numerous fixed wing and rotary aircraft continue to operate on the fires.

### Evacuations

Evacuation "Warnings" remain in effect for:

- Community of Rockport
- Red Mountain Road - From the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road to 13600 Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road – From Hwy 101 to the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road.
- The Community of Cummings
- Town of Leggett
- De Haven Creek and Howard Creek drainage, North of Westport

### Evacuation Centers

- **Placed on Standby**-Fort Bragg High School, 300 Dana Street, Ft. Bragg. Phone: 707-813-0345 (New)

- ***Placed on Standby***-Willits High School, 299 North Main Street, Willits. Phone: 707-486-8674
- Large animals (A call must be made prior to delivering animals)
  - Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, Ukiah. 707-462-3884. After business hours: 707-972-8340
  - Albion Headlands, Albion. 650-322-1070.
  - Covelo Rodeo Grounds, 22335 S. Airport Covelo Road, Covelo. 272-2966 and 983-6860
- Small animals can be taken to the Mendocino Animal Care and Control Ukiah Shelter. After business hours: 707-272-4337.

### **Road Conditions**

- Mountain View Road - Between Signal Ridge and Mile Post 14.04 – Closed to all traffic except local residents, Fire Department, Law Enforcement and critical incident resources (i.e. utility companies, CalTrans, County Roads, etc.) until further notice.

### **Resources**

- Engines: 168 Crews: 47 Helicopters: 15 Water Tenders: 67 Dozers: 30  
Overhead: 323 Total Personnel: 1,863 Fixed Wing Aircraft: 3

### **Incident Facts**

- Incident Size: 52,100 Acres
- Contained: 65%
- Injuries to date: 36
- Fatalities to date: 1
- Residences Threatened: 335
- Residences Destroyed: 2
- Number of Active Fires: 36
- Total Number of Fires: 127
- Estimated Costs to Date: \$28,570,000

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